## Governor Musgrove Addresses 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Drug Endangered Children Conference

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(Jackson, MS) – Speaking today to the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Drug Endangered Children Conference in Jackson, Governor Ronnie Musgrove thanked the audience of law enforcement and social service professionals for their work and urged them to re-commit themselves to the children of Mississippi.

"Sometimes we spend so much time worrying about what our children will become tomorrow, we forget they need our help and guidance today," Musgrove said. "It's important for us to focus on making sure they have every opportunity to make the most of their promise and potential."

The two-day conference is sponsored by the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, the Pearl River County Sheriff's Office and the COPS Methamphetamine Initiative. Issues covered during the conference include the effects of methamphetamine on communities and children, social services intervention and overall substance abuse in the state.

"It's been said our children are a message we send to a time we won't see," said Musgrove. "I want that message to be strong, healthy and happy."